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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AALC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1. ACCORDING TO AALC DEPUTY DIRECTOR JPRRY F NK, PRINCE DLAMINI, ASSISTANT MINISTER IN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CALLED UPON AALC EXECDIRECTOR O'FARRELL AND FUNK AT AALC NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS DURING VISIT MAY, 1976. VISIT INITIATED BY DLAMINI. DISCUSSION WAS OF GENERAL NATURE OF AALC ACTIVITIES.

2. THIS VISIT FOLLOWED UP BY SIMILAR MEETING DURING JUNE ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. DLAMINI ACCOMPANIED BY COMMISSION OF LABOR M. A. KHUMALO. AALC DISCUSSED POSSIBLE SWAZI PARTICIPATION IN AALC-PAN-AFRICAN MINING SAFETY SEMINAR HELD IN KITWE, ZAMBIA IN JULY. DLAMINI THEN INVITED O'FARRELL AND/OR FUNK TO VISIT

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SWAZILAND DURING NEXT SWING THROUGH SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. AALC HAS HAD FINGERS BURNED BEFORE IN SWAZILAND. IT

UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AND COMING WITH NO RPT NO PRECONCEIVED
PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS. HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT OPENING

PRESENTED BY DLAMINI INVITATION WORTH PURSUING. IF ANY
AALC ACTION APPEARS FEASIBLE IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE
FUNNELED THROUGH SWAZILAND FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS,
AN ADMITTEDLY PAPER ORGANIZATION AT PRESENT BUT ONE
WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED SWAZI WORKERS' REP AT ILO
MEETINGS.

4. O'FARRELL HAS MADE OWN ARRANGMENTS AND DOES NOT FORESEE
NEED FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, AWARE OF EMBASSY/
OSARAC INTEREST AND INTENDS CONTACT EMBASSY PRIOR TO
DEPARTURE IF TIME PERMITS. ROBINSON

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